

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Paragraph beginning on page 5, at prenumbered line 2, has been amended as follows:

As shown in Figs. 5 and 6, a light condensing device 3 is arranged in an optical path device of an optical equipment, e.g., an optical engine of a scanner. The ~~flat type lens~~ light condensing device 3 has a frame 32 having a rectangular cross section. The frame 32 is a flat type shell having two rectangular openings. A lens set 30 is provided in the frame 32. The lens set 30 comprises a plurality of rectangular lenses 34, 36 and 38 for condensing light to form an image onto an OE converter 4 (e.g., a CCD). The frame 32 is made of plastic, metal or ceramic material. The lenses 34, 36 and 38 can be made by molding or cutting glass, but the cost will be high. In the present invention, it is preferred that the lenses 34, 36 and 38 be made by means of precise plastic injection molding to achieve a lower cost. The precise plastic injection molding is used in lenses of digital still cameras today and won't be further described below.

Paragraph beginning on page 6, at prenumbered line 25, has been amended as follows:

As shown in Fig. 10, an optical path device 5 is mainly arranged in an image readout device (51, 52) like a scanner or a multifunction printer. The optical path device 5 comprises a light source device 53, a reflecting device, a fixing device 56 and an OE converter 55. The light source device 53 is used to provide the required light. The reflecting device comprises at least a reflecting mirror 54, and reflects the light at least to accomplish a predetermined optical path length. The fixing device 56 is used to fix the light condensing device 3 in the optical path device 5. The OE device 55 receives light collected and imaged by the light condensing device 3 and converts it into an electric signal. The light condensing device 3 receives light reflected by the light reflecting device 54 for light condensing and imaging, and comprises a hollow frame 32' having a flat type rectangular cross section and a

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rectangular lens set 30 arranged in the frame 32'. The OE converter 55 can be arranged in the frame 32' of the light condensing device 3.